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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 00-713-i23)

In re Application of:	)	
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Mirkin et al.	)	Examiner: J. Riley
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Serial No. 09/976,900	)	Group Art Unit: 1637
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Filed: October 12, 2001	)	Confirmation No.: 3590
	)	
For: Nanoparticles Having Oligonucleotides Attached Thereto and Uses Therefor	)	

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office action dated January 8, 2004. A Notice of appeal, a Petition for an extension of time (three months), and requisite fees are attached. Please amend this application as shown below.